

## TEC Tribal Issues Topic Group Conference Call Notes December 15, 1998 11 a.m.-Noon EST

### Participants:

Audrey Adamson (UETC), Pamela DeRensis (DOE/EM-22), Margaret Hodge (DOE/AL) Robert Holden (NCAI), Judith Holm (DOE/NTPA), Jerry Pardilla (NTEC), Wilda Portner (SAIC), Elissa Turner (DOE/RW), Heather Westra (Prairie Island Indian Community) and Catherine Volk (DOE/EM).

This conference call addressed a number of issues and upcoming events. Discussed: expanding Tribal participation in the Group; upcoming TEC/WG meeting in Jacksonville, Florida; Tribal prenotification of spent fuel and high-level radioactive waste; rail inspection authority; umbrella grant; and Transportation Protocols.

### Summary:

Judith Holm (DOE/NTPA) opened the meeting by addressing Tribal representation. Since the November meeting, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have indicated their interest in the Group.

Judith also presented a brief overview of the upcoming TEC/WG meeting, and suggested that Tribal representatives might want to participate in the Protocol Working Group meeting in Florida. They should notify Audrey Adamson of such interest.

No one was available to provide an update on the Tribal Prenotification issue and it was decided that Hampton Newsome (NRC) could update the group at the TEC/WG.

Judith reminded callers that Kevin Blackwell (DOT/FRA) has promised a letter at the TEC/WG which will spell out inspection authority.

Judith Holm announced that an umbrella grant approach to funding has been proposed to the Transportation Senior Executive Forum. The Forum approved research into the issue and a paper has been written addressing the legality of such an approach. Every effort will be made to keep the grant issue in line with the Transportation Protocols. Pamela DeRensis will call DOE Tribal Points-of-Contact in the Field to obtain information on transportation grants and agreements and to see how they feel about the umbrella grant approach. Judith Holm will work with the Traffic Managers on this issue. Transportation Protocols will be addressed at the January TEC/WG meeting.

The Group agreed that the issue of consultation with Tribal Governments must be addressed separately and Judith Holm mentioned the success of the State of New Mexico in this area. She will try to arrange for them to participate in the next call.

Judith Holm said she would provide the Topic Group with an information packet depicting an on-line system that depicts transportation corridors and routes and Tribal contacts. This information, as well as State contacts, will eventually be available on the Web. NOTE: Information has been loaded onto the National Transportation Web site at [www.ntp.doe.gov/](http://www.ntp.doe.gov/).

Next meeting will be at the TEC/WG on January 20, 1999 (9:30-Noon)